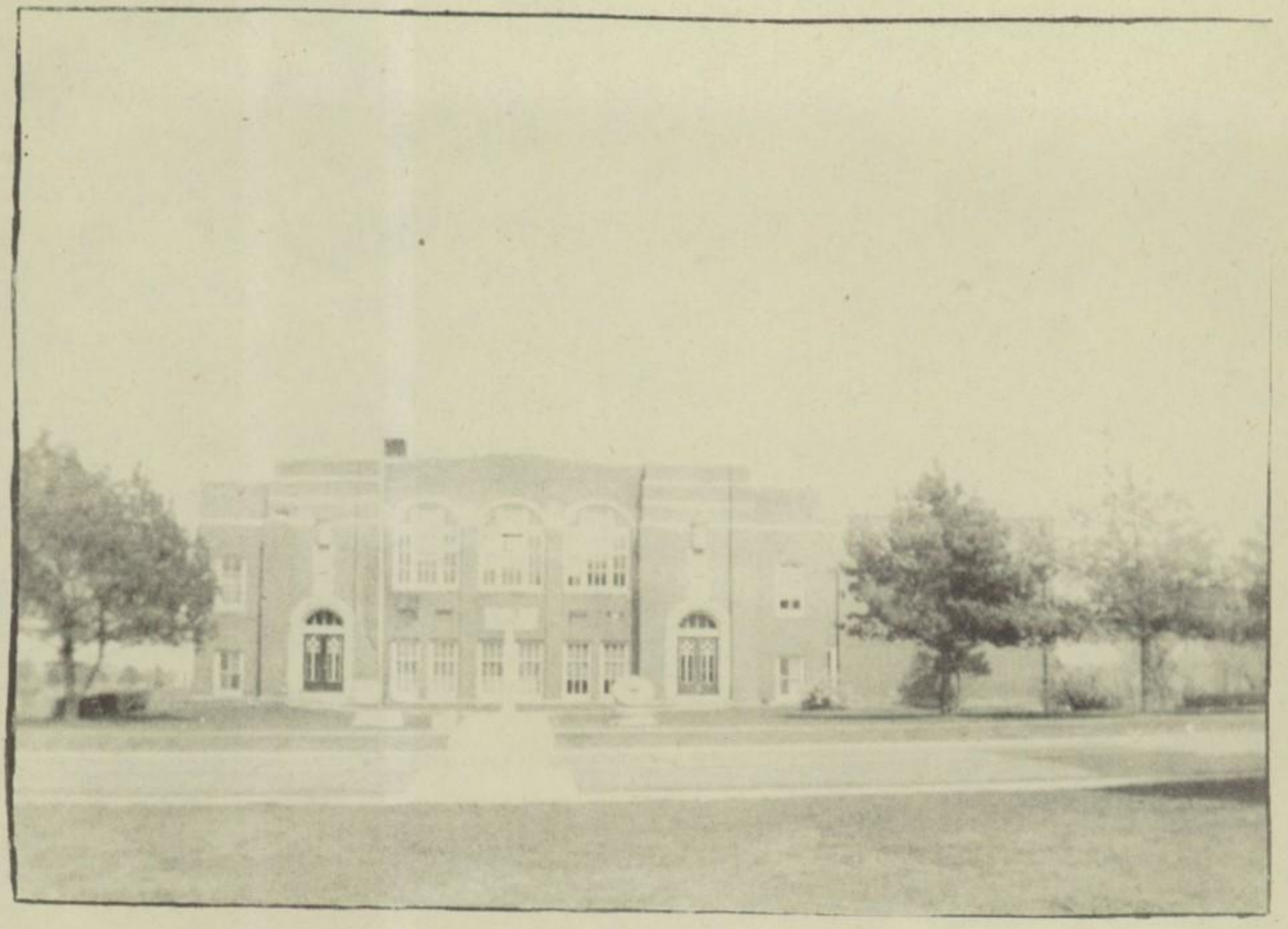
SAND BURR

1945-46

Dedication

We, the class of nineteen hundred and forty six, wish to dedicate this first peace time annual to the future prosperity of our high school, our homes, our country, and a peace-loving world. May York Community High School do its share in building this world of tomorrow.



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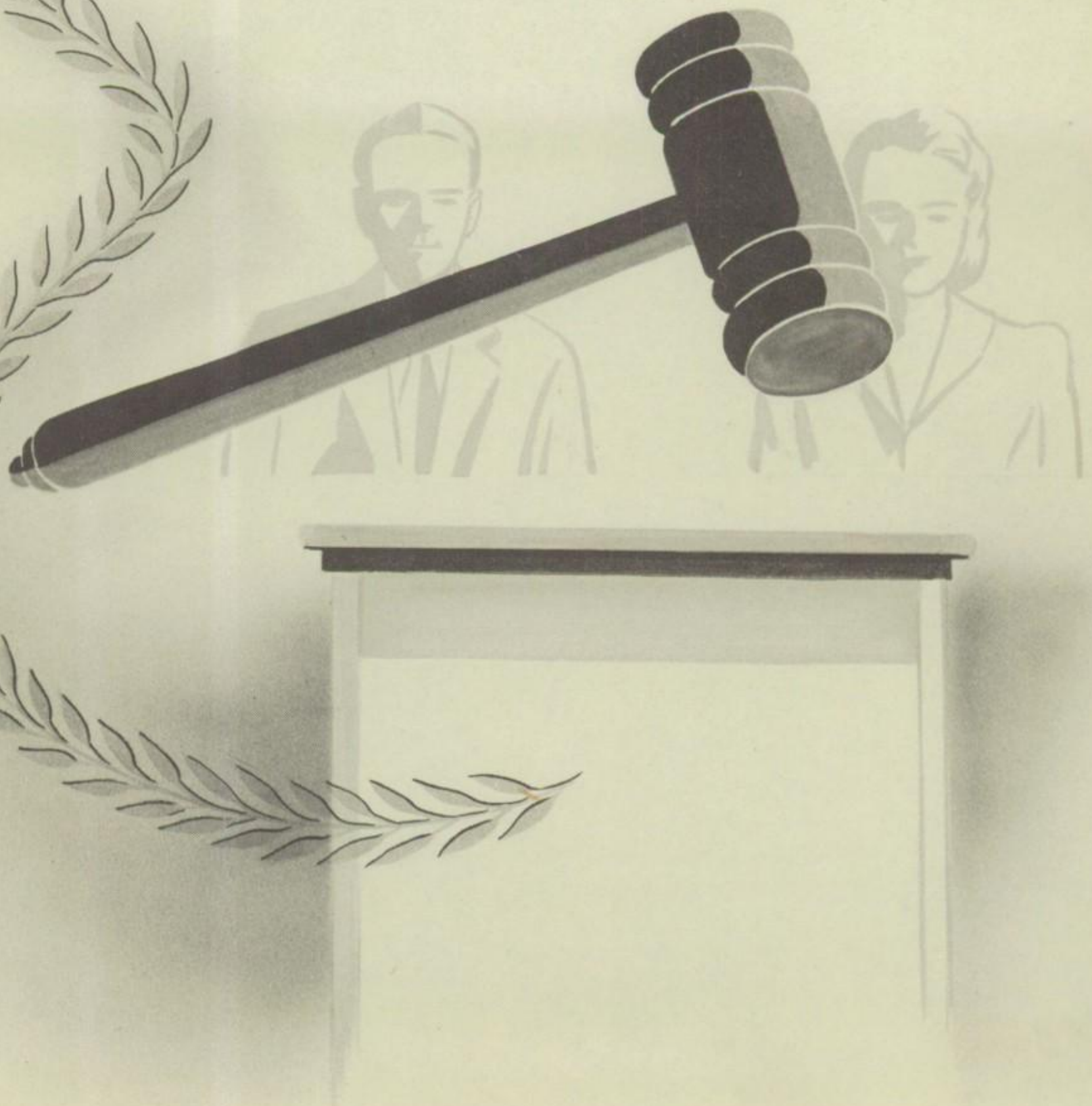

C.W. Hogg, Pres.

William Hans

Wayne Ashby

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Paul Wilt

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H.M. Elliott, Prin.

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Vila Gochenaur

FACULTY

Mary L. Meyers

E.W. Farnsworth

Susie Burgstahler

Seniors

1946

SENIOR CLASS

CLASS MOTTO

Today we follow;
Tomorrow we lead

Class flower
White roses and Forget-me-nots

Class colors
Blue and White

Class advisor - Lillian Farnsworth

DEAN ROBINSON

Baseball 1
Band 1,2 Class Play 3,4
Operetta 2 Track 3
Class President 3,4
Annual Staff 4
Basketball 1,2,3,4

FERN RAWLINS

Operetta 2 Class Play 3,4
Speech Club, Secretary 3
Class Vice President 2,4
Class Treasurer 3
Librarian 2,3,4
F. H. A. 1,2,3,4

Operetta 2 Speech Club Pres. 3
Class President 2 Band 1,2
Librarian 3 Romanettes 3
Class Play 3,4 Annual Staff 4
Cheer Leader 3,4 Glee Club 2
Class Sec. 3,4 F.H.A. 1,2,3,4

LUCILLE LARSON

Class Secretary 1
Librarian 3 Class Treasurer 4
Class Play 3,4 Annual Staff 4
Romanettes 3 (Secretary)
4 (President)
F. H. A. 1,2 (Secretary) 3,4

DWAYNE BIBLEMA

Fulton 1,2
Pep Club 1,2
Band 2 Track 3,4
Football Manager 2
Basketball 4
Class Play 4

LILA CURLEY

Librarian 2 Operetta 2
Glee Club 1,2 Class Play 3,4
Speech Club Treasurer 3
Annual Staff 4
F.H.A. 1,2,3, (Vice-President)
(President)

VERA DURHAM

Class Play 3
Student Director 4
Glee Club 4
F. H. A. 1,2,3,4

EVELYN HOUZENGA

Romanettes 3,4
F. H. A. 1,2,3,4

JOYCE MARSHALL

Rockford 1,2
Glee Club 2
F. H. A. 3,4
Librarian 3,4
Class Play 3,4

SAM MATTIE

Band 1,2
Operetta 2 Glee Club 2
Class Play 3,4
Assistant Bus. Mgr., Annual 4
Basketball Manager 4
Speech Club 3

WILMA SIKKEMA

Fulton 1,2
Mixed Chorus 1,2
G. A. A. 1,2 Pep Club 2
Romanettes, Vice President 3
F. H. A. 3 (Secretary) 4
Class Play 4

RUTH STRUBB

Class Secretary 2
Class Vice President 3
Librarian 2,3,4
Class Play 3
Speech Club 3
F. H. A. 1,2,3,4

CLASS OFFICERS

PRESIDENT-Dean Robinson

VICE PRESIDENT-Fern Rawlins

SECRETARY-Evelyn Ashpole

TREASURER-Lucille Larson

SENIOR CLASS

CLASS HISTORY

In September, 1942, twenty-three shy, decidedly green freshmen entered York Community High School. As we took our seats, we could feel the upper classmen staring at us and hoping initiation would soon come.

Then we were "herded in" to get acquainted with one another and with the teachers who were Miss Walters, Miss Ritzenthaler, Mr. Blodgett, Miss Goldenstein, and our principal, Mr. Elliott.

Our class included Evelyn Ashpole, Kenneth Bielema, Betty Blair, Lila Curley, Vera Durward, Richard Haas, Evelyn Houzenga, Donald Kaufman, Glenn Kaufman, Lucille Larson, Ellen O'Leary, Ruth Strubb, Ardetta Potter, Lyle Mitchell, Richard Falls, Wayne Filloon, and Maurice Hanson. LaVonne Robinson moved away but Sam Mattie took her place. Mr. Blodgett was our class advisor.

The sophomores welcomed us by taking a truck loaded with freshmen and sophomores to Eagle Point Park. We returned this party with a similar one the next spring. When the juniors asked us to serve the banquet on the night of the Prom, we gladly did this for we could dance after we finished our work.

Twenty-three elated students walked out of the high school in the spring, happy, not only because they had received the highest marks of the entire school, but mainly because it was now vacation time. However, summer was soon over and back to school we came, ready to join in all activities. There were many changes. We had new teachers this year except Mr. Elliott.They were Miss Wurster, Miss Ferrell, our advisor, Mr. Kane, and Miss Thompson who was replaced by Mrs Jones. Also Lyle Mitchell, Richard Webster, Alice Wilkinson, Maurice Hansen, and Richard Falls were not with us this year, but Harold Schroth and Earl Holman joined us. Later Earl Holman and James Houzenga quit school; Ellen O'Leary, Richard Haas, Ardetta Potter, and Kenneth Bielema moved away, leaving us seventeen industrious (?) students who finished the sophomore year. Half of our high school days were gone.

In our Junior year, we again had a change in teachers. Miss Burgstahler, Miss Hughes, Mrs. Porter, our class advisor, Mr.and Mrs. Farnsworth and our faithfull Mr. Elliott were our pilots. The class included Dean Robinson, Sam Mattie, Glenn Kaufman, Joyce Marshall, Ronald McDearmon,Vera Durward, Lila Curley, Mae Turney, Fern Rawlins, Betty Blair, Evelyn Houzenga, Wilma Sikkema, Lucille Larson, and Evelyn Ashpole. Later Glenn Kaufman moved away but Dwayne Bielema came to us from Fulton.

As juniors, we shared in the activities of class night, baccalaureate, and commencement. On class night, we were forced up on the stage to hear the will of the seniors. While we pretended to be embarrassed, we were all good sports and "deep down in our hearts" we actually enjoyed the publicity and recognition. At baccalaureate and commencement Evelyn Ashpole and Dean Robinson led the seniors to their"freedom" as they laughingly called leaving old Y.C.H.S. Yet aren't high school days really the most carefree days of one's life? We left Thomson High in May of 1945, realizing that we had only one more year at Y.C.H.S.

In September, 1945, we began our last year at York. Mrs.Farnsworth was our class advisor. Our days have been busy ones, for events followed each other rapidly: senior play, publication of the annual, and then commencement activities. Now we are bidding farewell to Y.C.H.S., but in years to come we will have many golden memories of good times, friends, teachers, and classmates there.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

Hear Ye! and notice all who read this hear written, that we the members of the class of '46 having as much gray matter as we ever will have, and being (we

SENIOR CLASS

hope) of sound memory but weak and faint physically, do hereby, before we sally forth to set the world on fire, or pass from this place, bequeath the following:

To dear old Y.C.H.S.:
We leave our treasure the "Sand Burr." May it prosper and grow better each year. We also leave the sincere hope that Y.C.H.S. may always keep her position to the fore, although we leave her behind.

To the faculty:
To our esteemed instructors we give our sincere appreciation for their untiring efforts and suffering that we might at last graduate from Y.C.H.S. Our only hopes are that our hard earned grades and efforts have pleased them.

To the juniors:
We bequeath our senior dignity which we took extremely good care of, and also our chemistry books and wonderful grades, and last our success of putting on plays and our ability to keep money in the treasury.

To the sophomores:
We bequeath our studious habits and ability to stay home nights and study, to chew gum so no one can see us, and lastly to mess up the lab.

To the freshmen:
We bequeath our ability to pay attention and not show our ignorance, also the ability to be patient with the green freshmen as they arrive each year as we have been.

Personal bequeaths:
1. Ruth Strubb generously leaves her car driving ability to Vernon Mattie.
2. Wilma Sikkema bequeaths her typing diligence to Donald Ashby.
3. To Betty Blair, Lucille Larson wills her undying patience.
4. Sam Mattie, in an unselfish moment, leaves his curly hair to Bob Hook.
5. Evelyn Houzenga graciously leaves her team driving ability to Eleanor Stearns.
6. To Betty Lou Wilt, Lila Curley leaves her leadership ability.
7. Evelyn Ashpole generously (?) leaves her ability to catch men to Ellen O'Leary.
8. In a generous moment, Joyce Marshall leaves her gift of "gab" to Fred Miller.
9. Vera Durward, (gladly) leaves her ability to milk cows to Dorothy Williams.
10. To Jack Hoy, Dwayne Bielema leaves his ability to get a "gang" together at ball games.
11. Dean Robinson, hesitatingly, leaves his athletic accomplishments to Carroll Dimmick.
12. By request, Fern Rawlins is leaving her pleasant smile to Verna Pickens.
13. Wilma Sikkema leaves her interest in the Fulton school to Lois Voss.
14. Lila Curley willingly leaves her grades, (in hopes that she will no longer need them) to Ronald McDearmon.
15. To even things up as to size Vera Durward leaves part of her height to Francis Halfman.
16. To comply with another size question, Evelyn Ashpole wills her shortness to Barbara Frazier.
17. Dean Robinson leaves his ability to get along with the teachers to Laura King.
18. Joyce Marshall, regretfully, leaves her silliness to Pearl Prins.
19. Fern Rawlins also leaves her enthusiasm for physical education to Violet Hartman.
20. And last but not least, Ruth Strubb leaves her love for typing to Wilma Bielema.

CLASS PROPHESY

(The following is a conversation overheard by Miss Burgstahler on a trip East.)

While sitting in a lobby of one of the leading hotels in New York, I happened to overhear a conversation and was very much surprised to learn that it was about York Township and the class of "46." Being very much interested, I continued to listen, and was entertained by the following dialogue.

Juniors

A line of advice from the seniors - "Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm." Emerson

JUNIOR CLASS

First row - Lois Voss, Betty Lou Wilt, Verna Pickens, Wilma Bielema, Dorothy Williams

Second row - Miss Gochenaur, advisor; Ronald McDearmon, Carroll Dimmick, Fred Miller, Robert Hook, Vernon Mattie, Barbara Frazier

Third row - Donald Ashby, Eleanor Stearns, Frances Halfman, Laura King, Betty Blair, Dorothy Johnson, Violet Hartman

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CLASS OFFICERS

PRESIDENT - Donald Ashby

VICE PRESIDENT - Wilma Bielema

SECRETARY - Fred Miller

TREASURER - Vernon Mattie

CLASS ADVISOR

Vila Gochenaur

JUNIOR CLASS

CLASS HISTORY

On a nice sunny day in September we began our junior year in school.

We held our first class meeting with our advisor, Miss Gochenaur, to elect our officers which are as follows:

Donald Ashby----President
Wilma Bielema---V. President
Bing Mattie-----Treasurer
Fred Miller-----Secretary
Betty Lou Wilt--Publicity

The first thought that came to our minds was "money." The result of our thinking was to sell popcorn and hot dogs at basketball games. People seemed to be hungry, and the project was a success.

Our class rings came on February 8th, and the Oh! and Ahs! ran through Y.C.H.S. They are dated 1947—the year in which we all hope to don our caps and gowns.

On March 29, "Galloping Ghosts," the junior class play was presented. We hope the name didn't scare you, as it was a big sensation.

PROM

The junior and senior banquet and prom was held May 11, in the high school gymnasium. The decorations were blue and white, the senior class colors.

Members of both classes brought guests; faculty, board members, and their wives were honored guests.

Mothers of the juniors helped in the preparation of the banquet and the meal was served by the freshman girls. The guests enjoyed an evening of dancing in the beautifully decorated prom room.

The president of the junior class and his guest led the Grand March, followed by the other officers of the junior and senior classes. The prom was proclaimed a great success.

MID-YEAR SLUMP

In August we scholars looked forward to school;
We were tired of living within our own rule.
Plays, parties, and games would soon be begun
Even assignments sounded like fun.

Through the first months of school everyone was in step;
Nothing dampened our spirits, or lessened our pep
The freshmen were welcomed, a nice welcome indeed
"Here Comes Hattie," was rehearsed and presented with "Speed."

With November came games, dances, and many such things
As the ordering of name cards and junior class rings.
We even had a few days of vacation fun too,
For Thanksgiving was here and we had much to do.

Now the study of assignments was dragging a bit
The days being longer, we didn't feel quite so fit
And so we looked forward to Christmas vacation
For we thought of school, we had had our year's ration.

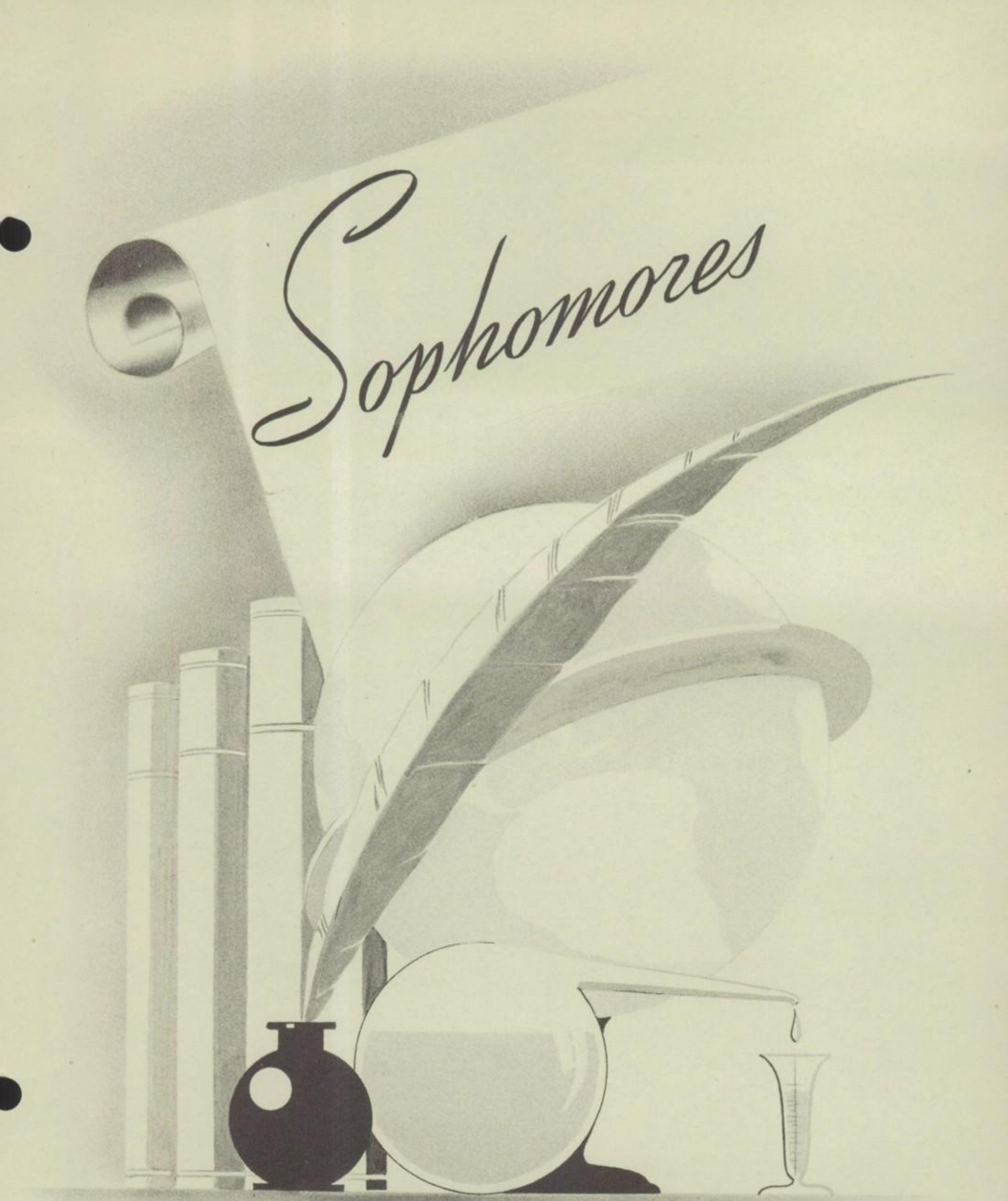
But what-do-you-know? on January 2, when we came back,
"Those" tests started us off on the wrong track.
The school road was not smooth, but bumpety-bump
We were in a terrible real mid-year slump!!!

Ah! buck up my laddies, and cheer up, ye lasses,
We've only 'bout 110 more days of classes
Just fill your brain to the top with this vision
There's a play and the Prom, then out to your fishing.

To fishing and wishing
And working and shirking: "Now you're cooking with gas."
Drink a toast to vacation,
Don't pass out, just P-a-s-s!!!

by Wilma Bielema

Sophomores



A line of advice from the seniors—"Work with a will."

SOPHOMORE CLASS

First row - Thomas Root, Leota Housenga, Alberta Johnson, Warren Imel

Second row - Miss Meyers, advisor; Robert Frazier, Leland Housenga, Sylvia Dykstra, Rosalie Hand

Third row - Joan Zenk, Diana Diehl, Lola Grim, Darlene Shoemaker, Iona Zenk

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CLASS OFFICERS

PRESIDENT - Thomas Root

VICE-PRESIDENT - Diana Diehl

SECRETARY - Lola Grim

TREASURER - Robert Frazier

CLASS ADVISOR

Miss Mary Lou Meyers

SOPHOMORE CLASS

CLASS HISTORY

On September 2, 1945, thirteen sophomores returned to the halls of Y. C. H. S. We were no longer "green freshmen" for we had survived the perils of our first year and were now ready to pass on to the new class all the knowledge of Y.C.H.S. ways and customs that we had learned when wo were "freshies".

At our first class meeting with our advisor, Miss Meyers, we elected the following officers: president, Thomas Root; vice president, Diana Diehl; secretary, Lola Grim; and treasurer, Robert Frazier.

Since our class, the future class of 1948, was never too large, we welcomed into it this term two new students, Leota and Leland Housenga. This made our class fourteen in number, as Darlene Creighton had moved to another school district.

September twelfth, 1945, was a red letter day for us. The first experience we passed on to the "green hands" was that of initiation. The boys had to wear their shirts backwards, trousers rolled up to their knees and to let the sophomore boys fix their faces with make-up in the wrong places. Girls had to wear their dresses backwards, hair in one braid and no make-up. Both boys and girls cooled their feet throughout the day by going barefooted (you understand not because they wanted to, but because they had to) and were pretty much stiffened by green paper tied everywhere about them. The freshmen took it with a smile and were very good sports about it.

On Friday evening, December fourteenth, the sophomore class sponsored a dance which the whole community was invited to attend. We regret that the evening did not go off as we had planned. This was due to the breaking of the record machine, but we put on another party in the spring, thus making up the lost party.

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The class is almost equally divided this year as to country and town students. Six members are from the country and eight from the town. Although they say country people rise earlier in the morning than the town, we all make it to school in time to get to our first class.

The class of 1948 has gained recognition in two ways; Sylvia Dykstra made the honor roll and one boy, Thomas Root, played on the first basketball team.

PET EXPRESSIONS OF THE SOPHS!

Tom:	"Biologically speaking-"
Bootie:	"I think it's all very dumb."
Rosalie:	"I said it, and I'm glad I said it."
Darlene:	"Oh, corn stalk."
Diana:	"Hubba, hubba!!"
Ronald:	"I don't care what they say about you——"
Bob:	"Run that off again."
Iona:	"Are you kidding?"
Joan:	"That's what you think."
Leota:	"A him."
Leland:	"Oh, my gosh!"
Lola:	"What are we waitin'for?"
Sylvia:	"You'd be surprised."

DESTINATION

There's no skill in easy sailing
When the skies are clear and blue
There's no joy in merely doing
Things which anyone can do.
But there is a great satisfaction
That is mighty sweet to take,
When you reach a destination
That you thought you could not make.

Anonymous

Mrs. Farnsworth: "Tom R., this is the third time you have looked on John Elliott's paper."

Tom R: "Yes'm. He doesn't write very clearly."

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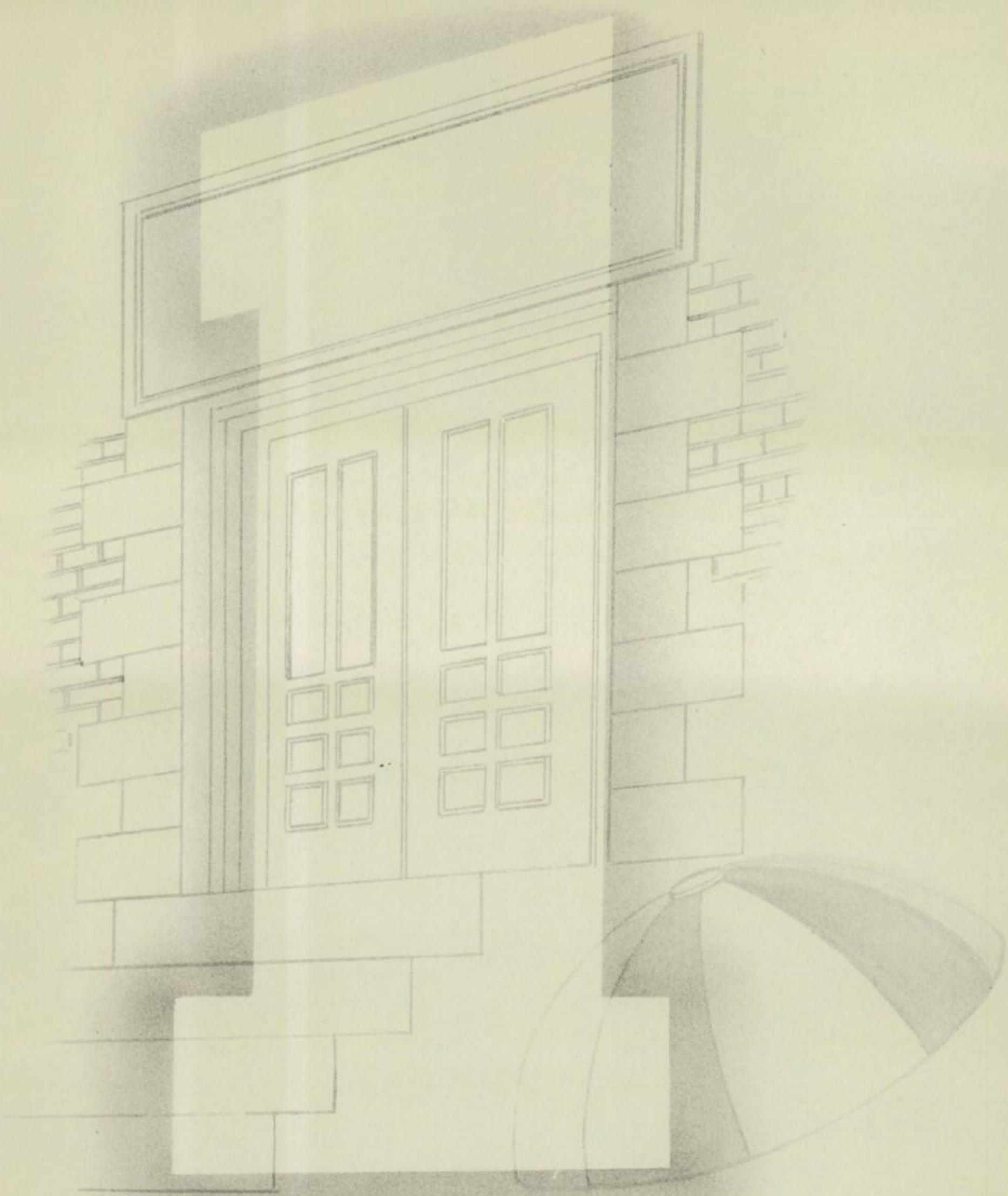

Freshmen

A line of advice from the seniors - "GOOD MANNERS is only a happy way of doing things."

FRESHMAN CLASS

First row - Miss Burgstahler, advisor; Geneva Imel, Margaret Noordhoff, Robert Heusinkveld, Norma Strubb, Carolyn Marshall

Second row - Bernice Hartman, Alfred Dykstra, John Elliott, Paul Hartman, David Young, Kenneth Gablin

Third row - Herbert St Ores, Ellis Pickens, John Stearns, Eunice Baird, Irene Zenk, Ellen Filloon, Carol Spangler, Leona Curley, Bernard Hartman

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CLASS OFFICERS

PRESIDENT - Kenneth Gablin VICE PRESIDENT-Paul Hartman

SECRETARY - TREASURER - Ellis Pickens

CLASS ADVISOR

Susie Burgstahler

FRESHMAN CLASS

CLASS HISTORY

At the start of the school year in September, 1945, twenty-four entered the good plane Y.C. H.S. for Alumni Land which we planned on reaching after four years. Frank McDearmon bailed out to the Savanna High School and Betty Spencer and Celia Rice dropped out; but we picked up Eunice Baird from Gladstone High School to make the number now aboard twenty-three.

At the beginning of the flight we elected class officers under the supervision of Miss Burgstahler, our class advisor. Kenneth Gablin was elected president; Paul Hartman, vice president; and Ellis Pickins, secretary and treasurer.

Our first entertainment on the flight was an all school party given by the Seniors in our honor. Since that time we have survived all initiation and have taken part in all school activities.

Several members of our class have gained recognition in curricular activities; Robert Heusinkveld, John Elliott, and Kenneth Gablin were on the first honor roll the first semester.

Alfred Dykstra, John Stearns, Robert Heusinkveld, Harold Rice, Herbert St. Ores, John Elliott, Kenneth Gablin, David Young and Ellis Pickins went out for basketball and have done fairly well. Three of these (John Elliott, Bob Heusinkveld, David Young) substituted on the first team.

In the sophomore year of our flight, we hope to increase our efficiency and achievements.

THE CREW

In the year 1945 and 46
22 freshmen green
At the Thomson High School
Could be seen.
There is Fatso Gablin
Our president fine,
In General Science
He surely does shine;
Norma and Carolyn
Good friends and true,
One waits to see what
The other will do.
Two Johns in our class
And leaders too,
When a lesson is hard
They wade right through.
There is Junior St. Ores,
A little runt,
Trying to win
All the girls at once.
Also rates three Hartmans,
A cousin and twins,
When honors are given out
Bob Heusinkveld wins.
Ellis Pickins takes care
Of our cash;
Bill, Bub, Penny, and Geneva
Are some more of our class.
Farmers' daughters, we have
A few: Margaret, Carol,
Ellen and Onie, too.
Irene Zenk and Eunice Baird
Are very quiet
And seldom heard.
As a class I guess,
We are not very smart;
But I hope as sophomores
we'll get off to a better start.

A FRESHMAN

Beneath the spreading high school roof
A green young Freshman stands,
While many volumes large and small
He holds in his skinny hands.

His brow is wet with studious sweat
For he belongs to the Freshman clan,
And he hangs on to the teacher's skirts
If reach them, he possibly can.

Day in, day out, week in, week out,
Goes on the same old song,
About the freshies doing right,
And the sophies doing wrong.

"The Freshies used this in a pinch; for all they needed was another inch!"

Activities

TO MR. ELLIOTT

We all started out at the very same time,
We were all freshmen and you a prof. in your prime.
But we soon got acquainted and forgot our fears
As we struggled along through the following four years.

You taught us algebra forty minutes a day,
Then geometry came in the same hard way.
Physics was next, it seemed such a load,
And now after Chemistry, is the end of the road.

We can't chew gum, but we don't mind
The answers quite often we cannot find.
For excuses and scoldings to you we must come,
But then there are the times that we've had lots of fun.

Now we are leaving after four long years,
To coach and professor we give four cheers,
And though many the years that we may be apart,
Our memory of school days and Prof. will remain in our heart.

TO YOU, ED.

Each night and morn he is around,
To tend the building and the ground;
He builds our fires and sweeps our floors,
Dusts the desks and unlocks the doors.

On Saturday if we happen in
We'll find him busy doing tasks within;
He's washing the boards and tidying the rooms,
Gathering heaps of dirt with his mops and brooms.

When late at night to school we must come,
He patiently waits until we are done.
He turns out our lights and relocks the door,
Impatiently asks, "That's all, any-thing more?"

He always has a smile and a cheery "hello"
Whether it's ninety above or forty below.
So, to Ed, our janitor, faithful to the end,
We give this tribute to our helper and friend.

JUNIOR PLAY

On March 29, 1946, the junior class of York Community High School presented "Galloping Ghosts," a mystery-comedy in three acts. The cast was as follows:

Miss Elizabeth Barton----------Frances Halfman
Richard Barton--------Robert Hook
Thomas Barton---------Fred Miller
Phillip Barton------Vernon Mattie
Patricia Barton-----Wilma Bielema
Berkeley Barton---Dorothy Johnson
Mrs. Melinda Todd--Betty Lou Wilt
Marie Farrell-----Eleanor Stearns
Stephen Dykes-----Carroll Dimmick
Madam Dupre'-----Dorothy Williams
Albert----------Donald Ashby
Director----------Miss Meyers
Assistant director----------Barbara Frazier
Prompter----------Pearl Prins

SENIOR PLAY

On October 26, 1945, the Senior Pirates landed their ship on the island of dramatic success. In their four weeks of sea faring they practiced for the play "Here Comes Hattie."

Their four hard weeks of work were forgotten when they ended their voyage successfully with many coins in their treasure chest. The crew consisted of:

Homer Green--------Dwayne Bielema
Clara Green--------Joyce Marshall
Ann Green----------Evelyn Ashpole
Florence Ryan--------Fern Rawlins
William Billings-------Sam Mattie
Hattie King----------Lila Curley
Velda Wayne--------Lucille Larson
Etta Armstrong------Wilma Sikkema

Others who went along on the voyage were:

Director----------Miss Meyers
Assistant director---Vera Durward
Stage Manager----------Sam Mattie
Ticket sales----------Ruth Strubb
Prompter----------Evelyn Houzenga

Senior Toast

Here's to our parents and our report cards. "May they never meet again."

JUNIOR-SENIOR PROM 1945

The outstanding event of last year, the Junior-Senior Prom, was held on May 12, 1945. Each junior and senior was allowed to invite one guest to the banquet and another couple to the dance. The faculty and board members were also guests of the juniors to the banquet, and all service men were invited to attend the prom.

The banquet menu consisted of fruit cocktail, gelatin salad, buns, mashed potatoes, creamed chicken, peas and carrots, and for dessert, ice cream and cake.

The following program was given: a piano solo by Lucille Larson; a welcome to the seniors by Dean Robinson, and the reply by Lucille Prins. Lila Curley sang "When I Wish Upon A Star," and "When Mother Nature Sings Her Lullaby." By star gazing into a crystal ball, Evelyn Ashpole foretold the future of all the members of the senior class. Closing words were given by Mr. Elliott.

At the close of the banquet everyone went to the gym which was decorated in the star theme, and where the orchestra was warming up for the evening dance. The prom room was filled with dangling stars from the solid blue crepe paper sky. By the light of the large moon, the flower garden, a rose trellis, and white fencing were made more romantic. For those who were thirsty a large well in one corner of the room furnished refreshing cups of punch.

Dancing was from 8:30 until 12 o'clock P.M. Everyone had the feeling that it was the end of a beautiful evening when they heard the strains of "Home Sweet Home." It also tended to increase that "dreamy-eyed" look that always comes with spring.

Dorothy: "Isn't May lovely?"
Bing: "Who ever told you about her?"

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our calendars tell us that Christmas is December 25th, but there was a slight exception here last December. A full week ahead of schedule the study hall was decorated gaily with red and green streamers hung from the lights, meeting in the center with a Christmas bell. The doorways were trimmed with evergreen boughs and huge red and white bows. At the front of the room two long tables were set up to take care of the world geography Christmas project which consisted of Christmas trees from "Other Lands." These were of Holland, China, England, France, Norway and Sweden, The trees were decorated just as they would be in their respective countries.

Then on the day of our party, December 21st., a huge modern tree and an old fashioned tree were added to the study hall.

In the afternoon all work was put aside and a short program consisting of a play "Just What They Wanted," several selections of yuletide songs by the glee club, and a reading, "The Night Before Christmas," by Leona Curley was presented to the assembly.

Following the program we received our gifts and enjoyed a special treat, which was partly provided for by a Christmas fund and partly by our teachers. Refreshments consisted of yellow delicious apples, popcorn balls, ice cream, and fudge. The party ended with the singing of songs.

ALL SCHOOL PARTIES

During the year we have had a number of school parties. To mention some of them, there was the initiation party given by the seniors for the freshmen. This party was given in September to give the freshmen a real welcome and get them started off on the richt track in school. The community party for the magazine sales was next in the month of November. The seniors had charge of the refreshment stand that night, at which they sold pop, sandwiches, coffee, and popcorn. Several Mexicans who attended this dance seemed to enjoy the evening.

The school purchased several new records and sponsored several community dances. We find that school parties are more fun when everyone is invited because it makes more of a crowd, and the more there are the more fun one has. The class that sponsors these parties sells the refreshments, so this does not put any class in debt for giving them.

CURTIS MAGAZINE SALES

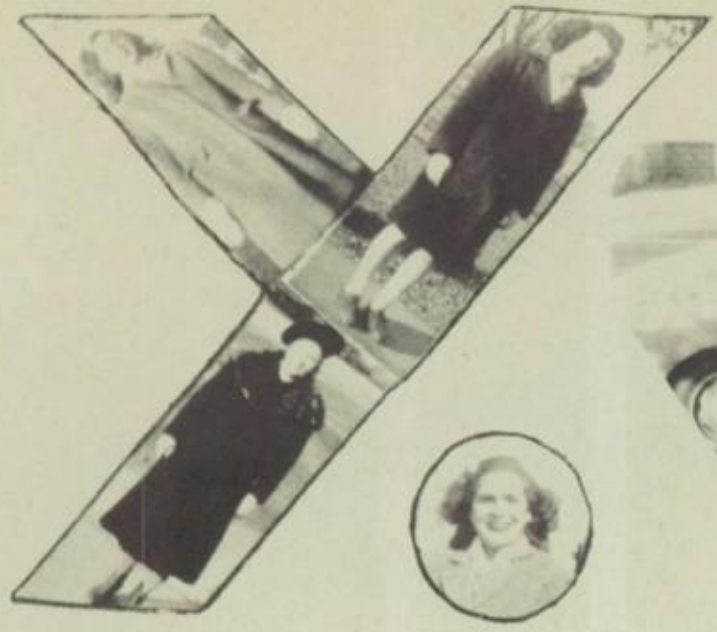
The Curtis Publishing Company sponsored a magazine sales contest this year. Kenneth Gablin who won first with a total of 19 credits was awarded the prize of a desk set and two model jeeps. Lila Curley was second with 14 credits. A total of 126 subscriptions were sold. The school received $122.53 out of the total sales of $335.10. As our reward we gave a public dance, which was held November ninth. All those who subscribed for a magazine were our guests for the evening. Kenneth Krempel and his Melodians furnished the music. Refreshments were served by the seniors.

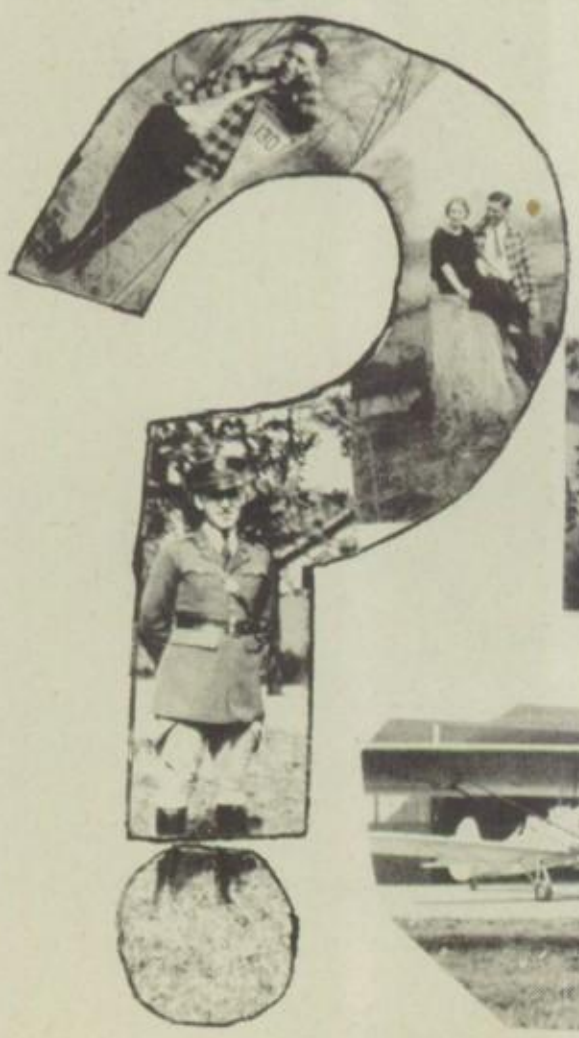
MOVIES

This year York Community school students have had the advantages of visual education, because of the new movie machine which was bought for the high school and grade school.

Several movies have been shown to the student body, while others have been given only to members of certain classes. Those classes that have had special movies are Ag. I, II, biology, chemistry, world geography, Latin, economics, and history.

"Failure is another chance to succeed."—A senior.





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The Future Farmers of America started the year by electing the following officers: president, Warren Imel; vice president, Fred Miller; treasurer, John Hoy; secretary, Ronald McDearmon; watch dog, Donald Ashby; reporter, Robert Hook. Other members of the FFA are as follows: Dwayne Bielema, Carroll Dimmick, William Blair, Ellis Pickens, Bernard Hartman, Ronald Bull, Alfred Dykstra, Leland Housenga, and Leroy Prins as an honorary member.

This year we are enjoying a large variety in projects which include beef, dairy, and swine. All of these are very necessary to obtain the experience needed before one attempts to farm for himself.

About this time came initiation—just as true to form as the first day of school itself. But all the Ag. I boys seemed to take it in good humor. If you want a little information about it, ask Ronald Bull how kissing the FFA manual turned out, or ask Frank McDearmon how he liked the smell of a peanut soaked in garlic and onions! Incidentally, he had to roll it across the gymnasium in great style! Ellis Pickens placed last in the peanut rolling contest, and as a prize he had a little lesson in counting; for further details, ask him. You can get an excellent formula of a drink from Alfred Dykstra; also Bernard Hartman can tell you of a strange feeling while he was on his feet in the shower room; and last, but not least, Bill Blair has an interesting tale about a green hand he happened to acquire during all this initiation. Anyway, it sounds like a lot of fun, at least, for those of us to whom it didn't apply.

And now to a more serious subject. Six boys went to the grain and poultry contest. Paul Hartman, Bernard Hartman, and Leland Housenga were on the grain judging team and ranked in the nineteenth place. Ronald Bull, Ellis Pickens, and William Blair were on the poultry judging team, and placed twentieth. Also six of the Ag. boys went on a livestock judging contest at Durant in May.

At the beginning of the year, Mr. Farnsworth informed us that we were going to get a farm shop. After Mr. Farnsworth and board members looked all over for a building, they made an agreement with the grade school ba to rent the old bus shed. This was surely good news to us.

Now that we had the building, of course we had to have tools. So Mr. Farnsworth ordered the necessary tools and then secured wire and fixtures to put in electricity. Some of the boys did this work while others were building work benches and a certain for our tools. When all the necessary equipment was built, the boys started on projects of their own. Several of them built hog houses, some built magazine racks, shoe racks, and equipment for showing projects. By the end of the year, many other useful things such as repair work for the high school had been made.

To conclude our news of the FFA we are going to give a "pesty" account of a pest contest. This was not only beneficial to the community but also very amusing. It all started when the Ag. Iboys challenged the Ag. II boys to a pest eradication, beginning the second six weeks and continuing to the third six weeks. It seems that the Ag. I boys got it over on the Ag. II boys, so they gave a party in honor of the underclassmen.

Farm Hint:

Pasture treated with lime and fertilizer will give a longer grazing period as well as more nourishing grass and more of it.

ANNUAL STAFF

LATIN CLUB

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LATIN CLUB

The second year Latin class held their first monthly meeting about three weeks after everyone was used to the schedule of returning to school. Since last year we have lost three members and gained one. Evelyn Ashpole, Wilma Sikkema, and Helen Johnson did not carry on their study of Latin into the second year. The second semester Leota Housenga transferred from Fulton to Thomson and joined our group of Latin students which brought our membership up to ten members. Leota says we have the same number in our class as were in her class at Fulton. Since our school is much smaller, the Romanettes feel that we are doing well in the field of the classics.

At our first meeting we chose the following officers: Lucille Larson, president; Barbara Frazier, vice president; Betty Lou Wilt, secretary; Verna Pickens, treasurer. After our election of new officers, we decided to have dues of twenty-five cents a semester; and to hold our meetings every second Friday of each month. At the next meeting, we chose our colors, flower, and motto. These are as follows: purple and white; violet; Possumus, quia posse, videmur. (We can because we think we can.) Also at this meeting there were two general committees appointed. One was the program committee of Francis Halfman, Eleanor Stearns, and Lois Voss. The other was the social committee of Wilma Bielema Betty Lou Wilt, and Evelyn Houzenga. The program committee was to appoint a committee for each month to give us a report on some Roman topic of interest. There were many interesting topics chosen. Some are Roman Amusements and Sports, Country Life and City Life, Travel and Correspondence, Slaves of the Romans, Furniture in a Roman Home. The social committee set the dates, parties, and different social events. Special meetings were held on holidays. We also had two movies, "Ancient and Modern Glories of Rome" and "Italy, the Land of Inspiration."

LIBRARY STAFF

The Library Staff this year cleared the bookshelves and reclassified the books according to the Dewey method. This makes it easier to find reference books.

Two books (fiction, biography, or travel) have been added every month to our collection through the Junior Literary Guild.

A new edition of The World Book Encyclopedia of nineteen volumes was added to the reference shelves during the year.

During the summer, Mr. Farnsworth, Mr. Elliott, and Mr. Porter built new bookcases with five shelves, along the east wall of the study hall. In September the F.F.A. boys finished the doors to fit across the bottom shelves.

We also have two bulletin boards in the assembly for library exhibits.

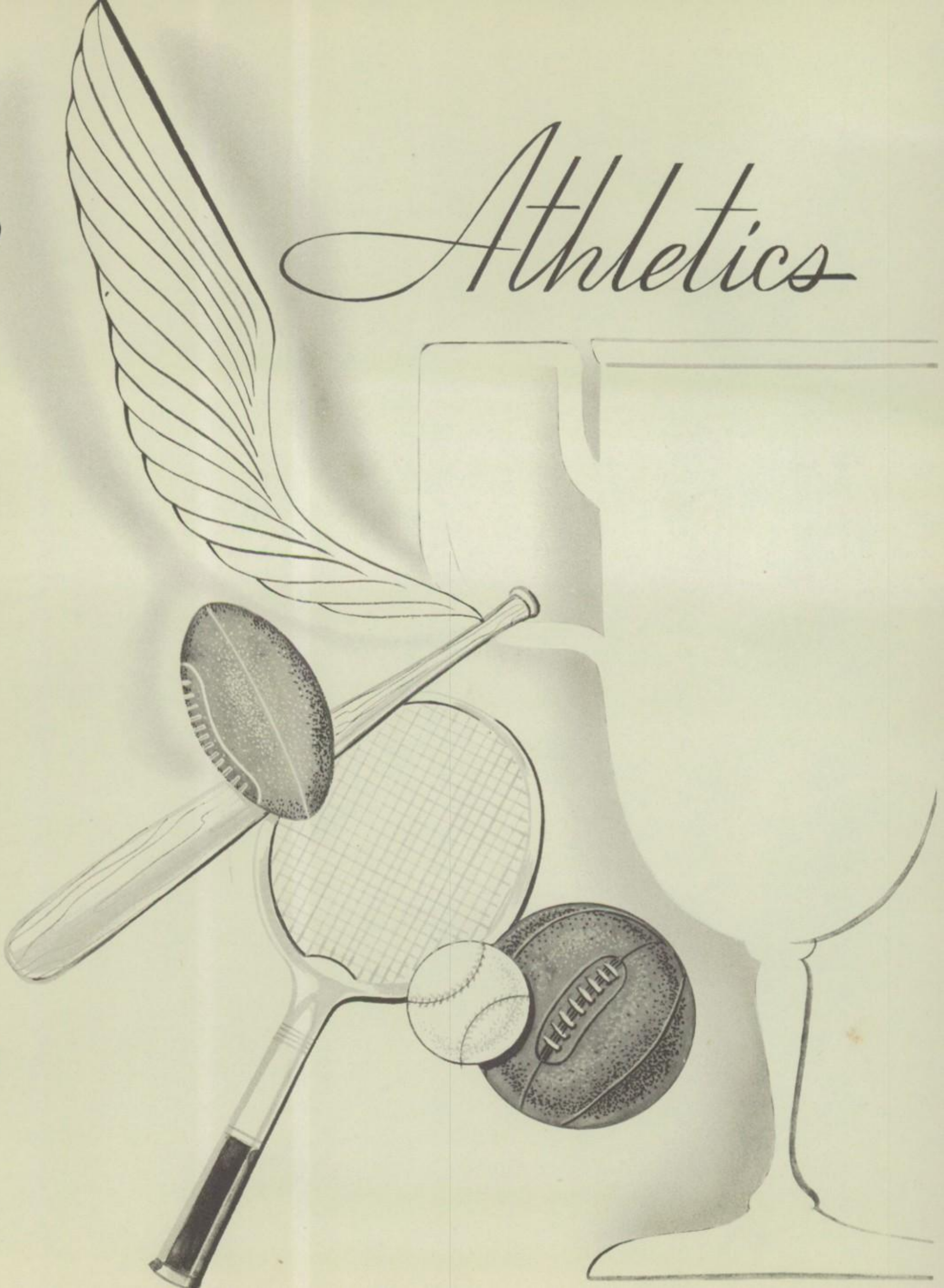
Miss Gochenaur: "Tom, you can't sleep in this biology class."
Tom: "I know it. I've been trying for a half hour."

Donnie: "For the last two nights I have dreamed I was chasing a blonde down main street."
Bob: "Did you catch her?"
Donnie: "No, but I will tonight, I'm taking my bicycle to bed with me."

Evelyn H.: "I want to buy a pencil."
Mr. Smith: "Hard or soft?"
Evelyn: "Hard, I have a stiff test coming up."

Norma: "Why do you wear your socks wrong side out?"
Carolyn: "My feet were so hot that I just turned the hose on them."

Athletics



BASKETBALL TEAM

Elliott, Elliott, he's our coach,
Whom no other can approach.
Whether we lose or whether we win
He will always wear a grin.
Yea, Elliott!

Rickety rackety rickety row,
We got the team that's got the go.
Be they big or be they small,
Thomson High School beats them all.
Yea, Team!

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Sensible Sam Says:

"Maybe my nature is too coarse for a revelation of beauty, but darned if I want to look at anybody's big toe with the nail painted red. Take a hint, gals!!"
"Revenge is a kind of wild justice."
"Natural abilities are like natural plants that need pruning by study. Try it, Sophomores."
"He who thinks all he says may be wise, but he who says all that he thinks may be foolish. Just an old proverb, teachers."
"In a small town there's not so much to see, but you make up for it in what you hear; but we still love the old home town."
"Flattery is nothing in the world but "Soft Soap", and soft soap is 90% lye. Take notice, apple polisher!!"
"A tactful girl is one who makes a slow boy believe that he is a fast worker. What about it, Warren?"
"In order to have a friend, you have to be a friend."

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Speaking of semesters always reminds one of the teachers who say "Don't wait till Wednesday night to study for tests Thursday morning."

"Oh! no, teacher, we'll wait till Thursday morning."

Wouldn't it be odd if:

Betty would "talk" instead of "Blair"?
Rosalie were "Foot" instead of "Hand"?
Harold were "Spaghetti" instead of "Rice"?
Evelyn were "Northpole" instead of "Ashpole"?
Lila were "Straight" instead of "Curley"?
Ken were "Chatterin" instead of "Gablin"?
Verna and Ellis were "Droppen's instead of "Pickens"?
Eleanor and John were "Crabs" instead of "Stearns"?
Bernard were "Liverman" instead of "Hartman"?
David were "Old" instead of "Young"?
Fred were "Baker" instead of "Miller"?
Diana were "Trade" instead of "Diehl"?
Pearl were "Princess" instead of "Prins"?
Bob were "Crook" instead of "Hook"?
Laura were "Queen" instead of "King"?

Meyers: "What happened to Caesar after he lost his supporters?"
Bob F: "I'd rather not say."

One day while in Clinton, I happened to stop near a pair of scales and saw Evelyn Ashpole and Lila Curley taking off their coats to get weighed on an automatic scale. Evelyn got on first and the scales called out 120 pounds; Lila stepped on and they called out, "One at a time, please!"

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WE ASKED 'EM

1. Do you prefer single, double, or triple dates?
single-5 double-11 triple-0

2. Do you prefer dancing or a good movie?
dancing-4 movie-12

3. Which would you rather do, go skating or bowling?
skating-13 bowling-3

4. In your opinion, is a boy who enters athletics more popular than one who does not?
yes--13 no--3

5. How many nights a week do you prefer to have a date?
2 or 3-----6 4----0
2------4 1----3
not less than 7, in other words one every night------2

6. What's your favorite lunch?
sundae--5 banana split-2
a malted milk--2 a coke--2
a hamburger sandwich--4
a hamburger and malt--1

7. What's your favorite orchestra?
Guy Lombardo---4 Spike Jones--2
Tommy Dorsey---7 Woody Herman-0
Benny Goodman--3 Harry James--0

8. Boys, do you prefer your girl friend older, younger, or the same age as yourself?
older--1 younger--1 same--3

9. Girls, do you prefer your boy friend older, younger, or the same age as yourself?
older--5 younger--0 same--3

10. Boys, do you approve of girls wearing make-up?
yes---5 no---3

11. What's your favorite song?
I'm Always Chasing Rainbows--2
Let It Snow-----2
Personality-----4
Might as Well Be Spring----4
The Bells of St. Mary's----2
Chickery Chick--0
Some Sunday Morning----1
Harriet------0
It's a Grand Night for Singing--0
I'll Buy That Dream--------1

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12. What's your favorite movie this season?
Kiss and Tell-------1
The House on 92nd Street----1
House of Dracula------1
The Bells of St. Mary's-----5
Week End at the Waldorf-----4
The Stork Club--------3

The sixteen people asked about these questions were:

Norma Strubb	Bing Mattie
John Elliott	Wilma Bielema
Junior St. Ores	Lois Voss
Ellen Filloon	Bob Hook
Tom Root	Dwayne Bielema
Bob Frazier	Wilma Sikkema
Rosalie Hand	Joyce Marshall
Sylvia Dykstra	Dean Robinson

APPLIED MATH

He's teaching her Arithmetic
Because that's his mission,
He kissed her once, he kissed her twice,
And said, "Now that's Addition."

And as he added smack by smack
In silent satisfaction,
She sweetly gave his kisses back
And said, "Now that's Subtraction."

Then he kissed her and she kissed him
Without any explanation,
They both together smiled and said,
"Now that is Multiplication."

But Dad appeared upon the scene,
And made a quick decision,
He kicked the lad three blocks away,
And said, "That's Long Division."

ARE SENIORS-

Lucille L arson
Ev E lyn Ashpole
Wil M a Sikkema
Speed R O binson
Fer N Rawlins
Ruth S trubb
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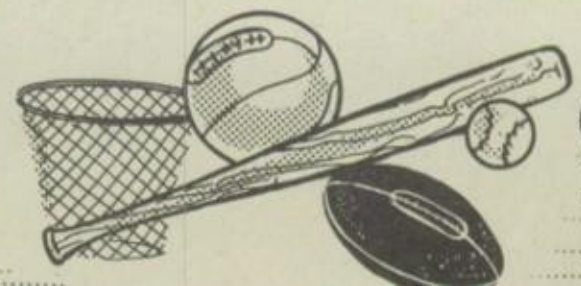
Those who burn midnight oil often become well greased.



SING A LETTER OF LOVE

"Dearly Beloved,"

Here I am sitting "Alone With My Sorrows," "Thinking of You" and "Rocking Alone in an Old Rocking Chair."

"Let's Pretend We're Sweethearts," "Because" "My Pal is at The Alter Now" and I'm "Always" "Dreaming" with "A Picture of You Beside Me." "At the Very Thought of You," "I Wonder" "Whose Heart Are you Breaking Now?" "Be Honest With Me" and tell me "Have I Stayed Away Too Long?"

"A Little Bit South of North Carolina" "They're Either Too Young or Too Old," so "Don't Take Your Love from Me." While I am here "I'll Walk Alone," and soon "I'll Be Seeing You" so "Lady Be Good."

You may think that I'm in a "Sentimental Mood." "Could be," but "The First Time I Saw You," I thought "You'd Be So Nice To Come Home To." In "The Land of Beginning Again" we'll find "My Blue Heaven." So "Please Don't Say No," but "Accentuate the Positive," for "I've Got a Pocket Full of Dreams" for you, my "Sioux City Sue."

Sincerely,
"Jose Gonzales"

SOAPY

"May I hold your Palm, Olive?"
"Not on your Life, Bouy."

John A: (telling Lila about the new baseball team) "Now, there's Speed; in a few weeks he will be our best man."
Lila: "Oh! John! this is so sudden."

Frances: (in a restaurant) "Mr. Elliott says that what we eat we become."
Dwayne: "Good, let's order something rich."

Betty Lou: "On the way home from school the other day, I heard two girls talking about marriage. One girl said to the other, 'What makes you think a September bride is happier than a June bride?' 'Well, she replied, look at all the summer canning work she gets out of.'"

YOU TELL 'EM:

You tell 'em "Hippo"
You've got the mouth?

You tell 'em "Piggy"
You've got the style.

You tell 'em "Joist"
You're holding the floor.

You tell 'em "Sunshine"
You're on the beam.

You tell 'em "Skippy"
I'm a little limp.

You tell 'em "Chicken"
I've gone to roost.

You tell 'em "Pony"
I'm a little horse (hoarse).

You tell 'em "Pieface"
You've got the crust.

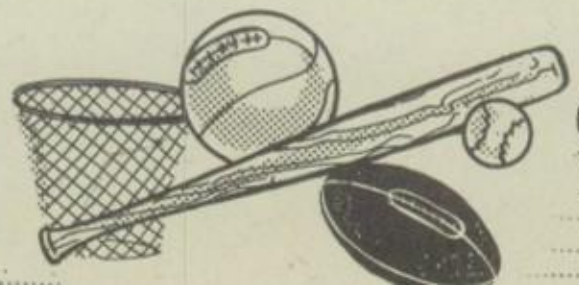
You tell 'em "Toothache"
You've got the nerve.

You tell 'em "Teacher"
You've got the class.

You tell 'em "Egghead"
The yolk's on you.

David: "That looks like a smart dog you have there."
Penny R.: "Why I should say so, all I have to say is, 'Are you coming or aren't you?' and he either comes or he doesn't."

Miss Meyers: Tell me one or two things about John Milton.
Bob H.: Well, he got married and wrote "Paradise Lost." Then his wife died, and he wrote "Paradise Regained."



THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME

The light of the moon was so very bright
And you could hear the noises so clearly that night.
When two young people, a boy and a girl
Were just coming home from a "midnight whirl."

He stopped the car and turned off the lights,
(This is often done on such moon-lit nights.)
Then he turned to the girl and softly said,
"I believe your folks have all gone to bed."

"Thank goodness!" she said, with a quiet little sigh,
Because if they ever found out the time, Oh My!"
"Well, don't worry about it and remember this-
To have fun while you're young is just plain bliss."

They got out of the car, and went up to the gate.
"Be careful, "she warned, "Remember, it's late."
So, carefully he opened it and they both passed through,
Not making a sound above the night breeze that blew.

Slowly and noiselessly they walked to the door,
Agreeing, that they should do this some more.
Everything was so still, and quiet for a while.
He looked at her, and her blush became a smile.

Then: "What's that noise, that awful blare?"
It seems to be coming from the stair."
"Oh! I know, you guessed right,
That's my Dad. He heard us tonight."

"Wouldn't it make you just"boiling mad?"
It was such a perfect setting, — all 'cept for "Dad."
"Isn't it simply awful; just a perfect crime?"
Just goes to show that "They'll-Do It Every Time."

By Lucille L.

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Delay Team:
1. Don Ashby
2. Tom Root

High Huddles:
1. Lila Curley
2. Evelyn Ashpole
3. Joyce Marshall
4. Ruth Strubb
5. Fern Rawlins
6. Rosalie Hand

Low Huddles:
1. Bob Heusinkveld
2. John Elliott
3. Ken Gablin
4. John Stearns

Wilma: "Did you hear about the boy who stayed up all night trying to figure out what happened to the sun when it went down?"
Lucille: "No, what happened?"
Wilma: "Finally it dawned on him.

Ronald to Miss Gochenaur: "Do you know what the centipede said when he got a chill?"
"No, what?"
"Guess I'll shake a leg."

Mr. Elliott: "Will someone bring bath salts to Chemistry?"
Joyce: "Will bubble bath do?"
Mr. Elliott:"I really don't know. I never took a bubble bath."

Mrs. King: "Laura, when you wait on the table, please try not to spill anything."
Laura: "Don't worry, Mom, I never talk much anyway."

SPRING

RAKING

SHORTY

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"78 GANG" UP A TREE

SHOP CLASS

HOOKER

Carpenters ?

Guess who?

OUR CUSTODIAN

Two Foot + six Foot

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Willy

OUR Jewel

KICKING HIGH

TURNING ON THE OLD RAIL FENCE

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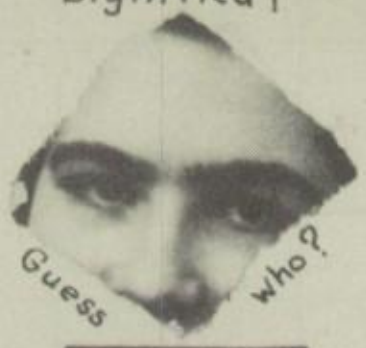

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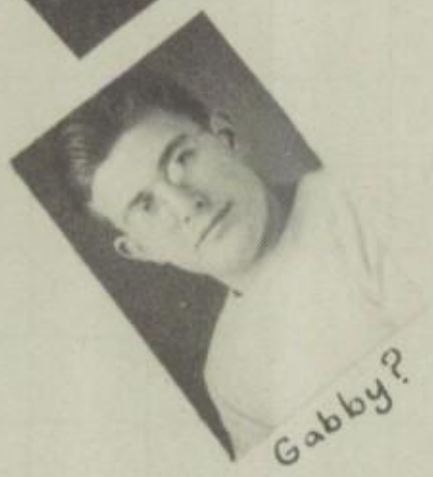


Gabby?

Shorty?

Smiley?

Argo?

Alfie

Just Kids

Penny

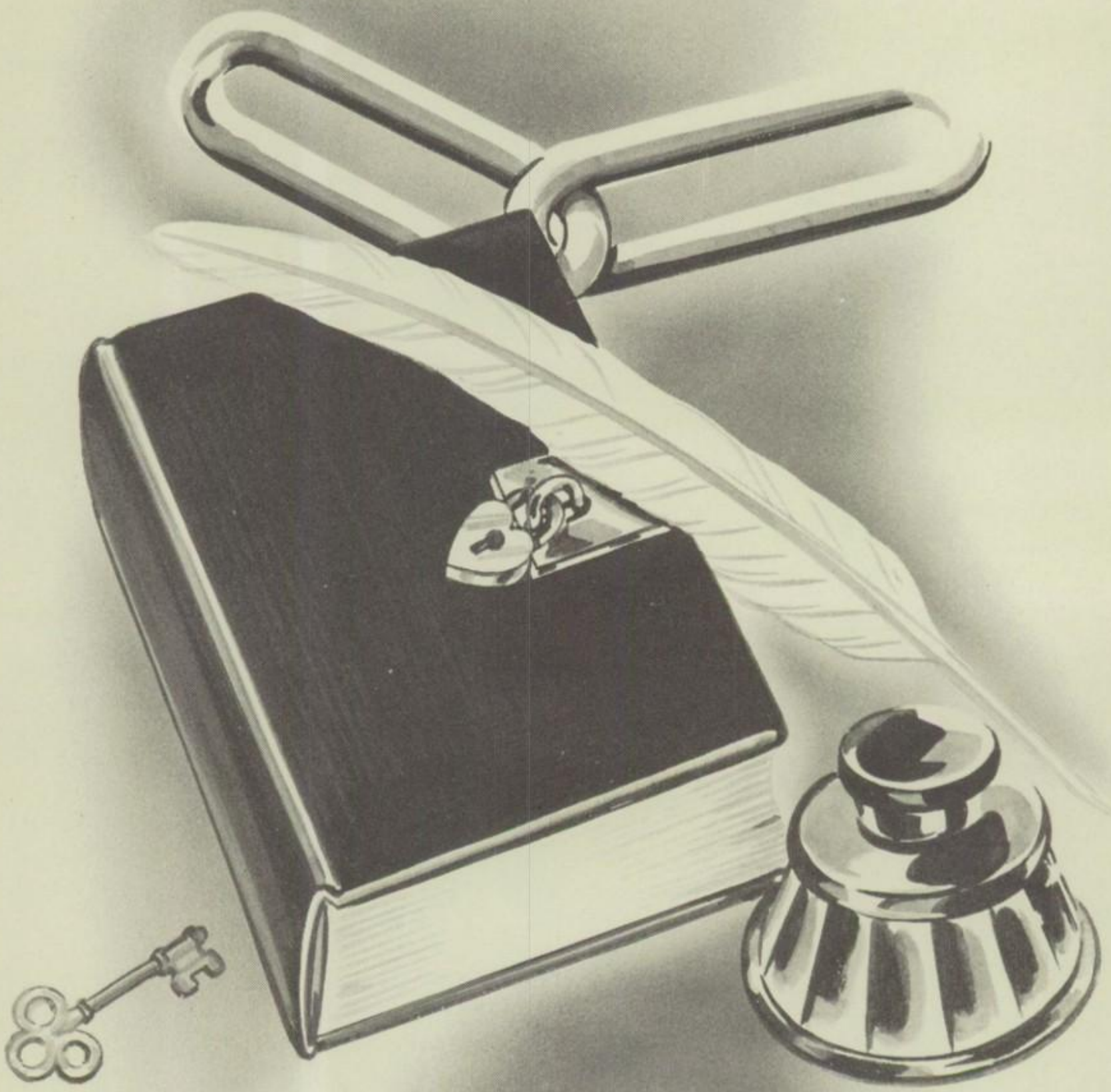
Barb

Ellie

Willie

Lois

What a mess!!



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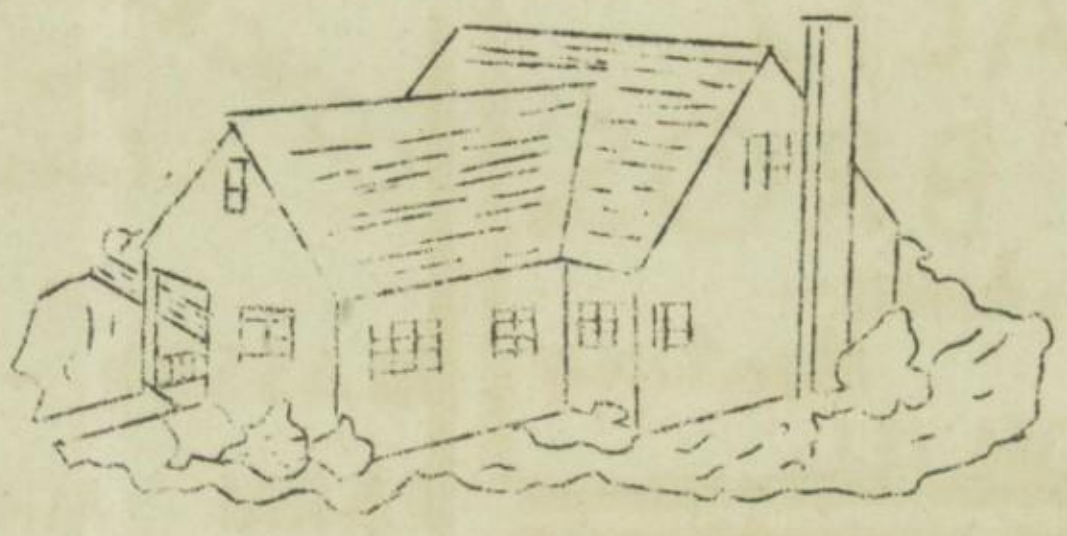

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